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SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114

This is a submission accompanying a Request for Continued Examination being filed herewith in the above-captioned application. This application was allowed in an Official Action mailed on November 5, 2002 (claims 1-10 were allowed, with claims 11-20 having been canceled). The issue fee has <u>not</u> been paid in this application.

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please Cancel Claims 2-6.

Please Amend Claim 7 as follows:

7. (Twice Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the PDE5 inhibitor is administered orally.

(Please Amend Claim 8 as follows:)

8. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the PDE5 inhibitor is sildenafil

citrate.

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